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U.S. FILES LAWSUIT TO BLOCK AT&T BID FOR TIME WARNER

Claims merger would raise prices, stifle innovation

BY CECILIA KANG & MICHAEL DE LA MERCED

WASHINGTON

The Justice Department sued to block AT&T's \$85.4 billion bid for Time Warner on Monday, setting up a showdown over the first blockbuster acquisition to be considered by the Trump administration and drawing limits on corporate power in

the fast-evolving media landscape.

By challenging the deal, the Justice Department is taking an approach to antitrust issues that is starkly different from the Obama administration's. In 2011, for instance, the department approved a similar deal — Comcast's acquisition of NBCUniversal — after imposing numerous conditions on the transaction.

If AT&T's bid for Time Warner were to go through, the merger would create a media and telecommunica-

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TRUMP PUTS N. KOREA BACK ON TERROR LIST

Action aimed at getting Pyongyang to drop pursuit of nuclear weapons

BY MICHAEL D. SHEAR & DAVID E. SANGER

WASHINGTON

President Donald Trump on Monday officially designated North Korea as a state sponsor of terrorism, a provocative diplomatic move that he said was aimed at drastically increasing pressure on the rogue nation to abandon its pursuit of nuclear weapons.

North Korea will join Sudan, Syria and Iran as countries that the State Department identifies as those that have "repeatedly provided support for acts of international terrorism."

"It should have happened a long time ago. It should have happened years ago."

President Donald Trump

"It should have happened a long time ago. It should have happened years ago," Trump told reporters at the

start of a Cabinet meeting at the White House. He said the designation will be followed today by the "highest level of sanctions" against Pyongyang to force the end of the development of its nuclear and ballistic missiles.

Trump has vowed to seek "complete denuclearization" in North Korea and has threatened "fire and fury" aimed at the country if it endangers the United States. This year, the president ordered an end to the policy of "strategic patience" that was pursued by President Barack Obama, in the hopes that North Korea's leader, Kim

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SAN DIEGO POT-GROW APPLICANTS CLUSTERING

Three areas of city attract most proposals for marijuana farms and manufacturing

BY DAVID GARRICK

Most of San Diego's pot farms and marijuana manufacturing sites will be concentrated in three areas of the city: Mira Mesa, Kearny Mesa and near the U.S.-Mexico border.

More than 85 percent of such businesses proposed last week during an initial wave of applications are in one of those three areas. That's primarily because of strict zoning regulations that sharply limit eligible properties across the city.

San Diego is one of the few cities in the state to legalize an entire marijuana supply chain, which will be fully regulated and taxed.

The battle to open mari-

juana cultivation and manufacturing businesses is expected to be intense because San Diego has set a citywide cap of 40, roughly half of the 78 applicants who requested appointments to submit initial paperwork.

Gina Austin, a local attorney representing marijuana businesses, said by telephone that only about 65 of those 78 followed through last week, softening the competition a bit.

Of the 78 initial applicants, 67 proposed to locate their businesses in either Mira Mesa, Kearny Mesa or near the border.

Councilman Chris Cate, whose district includes

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A cannabis-growing lab owned by OutCo in El Cajon. The city of San Diego attracted 78 applications for growing or manufacturing.

REP. SAYS FILNER SEXUALLY HARASSED HER IN ELEVATOR

Congresswoman: Incident 'some years ago'

BY JOSHUA STEWART

A sitting member of Congress said former San Diego Mayor Bob Filner made unwelcome sexual advances when they served together in the House of Representatives, the latest accusation against the disgraced politician.

Filner later stepped down as mayor in 2013 amid numerous allegations of sexual harassment by women in San Diego.



Ex-Mayor Bob Filner

evator and kiss me. And I pushed him away," Rep. Diana DeGette, D-Colo., said in an interview with MSNBC on Monday.

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AP

Eight women told The Washington Post that Charlie Rose made unwanted sexual advances toward them.

CBS SUSPENDS ROSE AFTER SEXUAL HARASSMENT CLAIMS

PBS won't distribute TV host's nightly show

BY KIM BARKER & ELLEN GABLER

After allegations surfaced Monday that the longtime television host Charlie Rose made crude sexual advances toward multiple women who worked on his show over a dozen years, CBS suspended him from its morning program and PBS announced that it would no longer distribute his long-running nightly interview show.

Eight women, including three who talked on the record, told The Washington Post that he made lewd phone calls to them, walked around naked in front of them or groped them.

In addition, two women told The New York Times

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